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ASSASSINS HAVE THEIR EYE ON HUSSEIN & ARAFAT

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WASHINGTON — PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Jordan's King Hussein are targets for assassination, U.S. intelligence sources told The Post last night.

Senior officials involved in the Middle East say that Hussein and Arafat have moved to the top of the terrorist hit list to prevent them from cutting a deal.

U.S. intelligence fears that the terrorists gunning for Arafat and Hus-

sein are part of the 1000-man army of suicidal fanatics who were involved in the kamikaze attacks on the U.S. French and Israeli peacekeeping forces in Lebanon.

The suicide bombers are believed to be under the control of Iran and Syria which, for months, have been growing increasingly hostile to Jordan because of Hussein's backing of Iraq in its war with Iran.

Syria, which backed the revolt against Arafat in Lebanon, wants to take total control of the PLO and wants to prevent Arafat's revival, sources say.

But senior intelligence officials told The Post they are particularly concerned with Hussein's safety now that there is talk that he and Arafat are going to take a step toward entering the peace process.